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**Declaration of Inventor**  
**pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

S I R:

I, Kazuko Shinozaki (now known as Kazuko Yamaguchi-Shinozaki) declare as follows:

I am an inventor of the claimed invention as set forth in the above-identified U.S. patent application, the specification and claims of which I have read and understood. Moreover, I further declare that I am the inventor of the rd29a promoter as evidenced Yamaguchi-Shinizaki and Shinozaki, Plant Physiol. 101: 1119-1120 (1993).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and, further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued hereon.

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